

## TO DOWN BLIND BOSS

Rhode Island Aflame Over  
Brayton's Rule in State.

### GOV. UTTER REPUDIATES HIM

Fight Centers on Successor to Senator Wetmore, with Independent Forces Fighting Col. Colt, Said to Be Aldrich's Choice—Brayton's Power Now Nearing the End.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 3.—A most remarkable political campaign is in progress in this little State of Rhode Island and Providence plantations. It is a contest of such unusual features and such momentous possibilities that it is strange the outside world has not been attracted to it and impressed by its full significance.

Apparently, neither the administration at Washington nor the general public appreciates the character of the struggle that will end at the polls next Tuesday. If, however, the forces that are arrayed against the dominant Republican organization shall win the victory, which their leaders think is within their grasp, the attention of the United States will be riveted upon this important midwest Commonwealth.

### Governor Not Always Republican.

A state ticket is to be voted for, two Congressmen elected, municipal officers chosen, and a general assembly elected that will choose a member of the United States Senate to succeed George Peabody Wetmore, whose term will expire March 4, 1907.

Rhode Island, although popularly supposed to be rock-ribbed in its Republicanism and immovable in its devotion to the basic principle of the Republican party—protection of home industries—has more than once been shaken to its foundations, on local issues and had a Democrat forced into the executive chair, but never in her history has she been stirred in a political contest as she is stirred today.

Theodore Roosevelt carried the State by the unprecedented majority of more than 17,000, but the Republican candidate for governor, an honest, intelligent, but somewhat timid man, who had undeservedly incurred the dislike of labor organizations, squeezed through only by a barely few hundred. The governor of Rhode Island, he it is known, has no power or patronage whatever. He is a figurehead pure and simple, but the moral effect of his defeat would be disastrous to his party just the same.

### Had to Repudiate Boss.

Today that governor, George H. Utter, is running again, and so hot has the race been made for him by the elements who have banded together under the name of the Lincoln party of Rhode Island to defeat the Republican "oligarchy" that he has been forced publicly to throw overboard the "boss" of the Republican machine, by admitting that he is a "menace to the best interests of the State," and promising, whether elected or defeated, to do all in his power to remove the "rot" from her institutions.

The Lincoln party is composed of Democrats and Independent Republicans who, resolving to bring to a focus the interminable unorganized efforts of the past few years aimed at breaking down the Republican "machine," nominated in May, at a primary convention, the first in the State's history, a candidate for United States Senator in the person of Col. Robert Hale Ives Goddard, and around his standard have gathered the forces that are almost hysterical in their zeal to wrest the control of political interests from the hands of the "boss" and those who have so long held it.

### Promise Liberation from Trusts.

The members of the Lincoln party are specific in their charges against their opponents, and in demanding and promising reforms. They aim, first, to elect a majority of Lincolnites to the general assembly, in order that provision may be made for the adoption of a new constitution to replace the integrated document, under which the Republicans control all legislative and patronage giving little country towns and equal representation with the cities of the State, second, to drive from the Statehouse the Republican "boss," Gen. Charles R. Brayton, the blind man, who, although holding no office, is nevertheless the power behind the exercise of absolute control over legislation who passes or defeats every measure by a nod, and who is the self-confessed paid attorney of certain powerful corporations, and third, to put an end to what they charge has long been the practice of controlling legislation, patronage, and elections by the corrupt use of money, by driving Mr. Wetmore from the Senate and sending in his place Col. Goddard, a life-long Republican, a man of means, whose wealth, much of it derived from the benefits of a protective tariff, is very great but who stands since his nomination pledged to work and vote for tariff revision, to help down the "boss," and to aid in punishing those who would seek or purchase the electorate.

### People Fighting for an Idea.

Col. Goddard is a fine type of the American aristocrat, wealthy, proud, exclusive, living out of touch with his fellow man in the highest degree. He is, however, no political issue and no issue before has done. The State really seems at last to be aroused and the bitterness of the fight will leave its scars for many a long day to come.

### All Cry Against Blind Boss.

The blows that have been and are being given on both sides are very serious, for the campaign has resolved itself into a personal warfare in which social codes, business firms, educational societies, clubs, and even religious organizations are divided among themselves. The attacks upon "Boss" Brayton here come from every quarter, and the charges against him as a corrupt and arbitrary "boss" of the Republican majority in the general assembly give cheer and verse for the illegal and immoral acts laid at his door.

### The Clergymen are Crying out Against Him.

Small wonder, perhaps, that in the face of such a fire the Republican candidate for governor repented at the very moment when Congressman Capron and his bold party colleagues were declaring, "there is no boss; it's all bluff," and promised to help "break" Brayton. The governor was lightning his lead preparatory to heavy marching. Whether he will gain the goal thereby remains to be seen.

## EUROPE WAITS VOTE

Deep Interest Shown in Contest in New York State.

### MANY WANT HUGHES TO WIN

Paris Editors Discuss Situation in an Intelligent Manner—President Roosevelt is Praised for Taking Sides—France Fears Strength of Socialist in the New Chamber.

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Paris, Nov. 3.—America has already learned that England is taking greater interest in the American election than in any former year, and that the newspapers are devoting greater space to endeavors to keep their readers informed of the progress of the campaign, and also to encourage the party who will not elect a Senator until January, has not yet been chosen.

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### Only of Brayton's Defeat.

The Republican party is split in two over the rival candidates of Wetmore and Colt. The struggle is so keen that the advertising columns of the local newspapers are filled with black type appeals in behalf of one or the other, signed by the most distinguished Republican citizens of the State, in the face of the fact that the general assembly, which will not elect a Senator until January, has not yet been chosen.

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### Alarmed at Socialists.

The Socialist congress now in session at Limoges may have a marked effect on French policies in the new chamber and under the new ministry. The thing which the congress is to decide is the attitude of the Socialists toward the Clemenceau ministry. Conservative writers warn the country that the attitude of the Socialists may be a dread menace to the country.

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## NEW YORK CITY IS NOW FIGHT CENTER

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### As far as Brooklyn is concerned.

The Republicans are pinning their faith largely upon the bolt of Senator McCarran from Hearst to carry Brooklyn. To-day the senator took occasion to help along the defection from Hearst by explaining that the votes of the Democratic candidate will not be counted separately; but there will be no way of ascertaining correctly how many votes he gets.

### According to the election law of the State.

The parties having the highest number of votes are entitled to the first and second places on the ballot. This "right" end many Democrats who wanted a vote against Hearst, but were afraid that their party would lose its place on the ballot if Democrats cut him too much and if he should a bigger vote of the Independence League ticket. McCarran says this is not so, and that there is not the slightest danger the Democratic party will lose its joint control with the Republican party of the election machinery of the State.

Mr. Hearst continues to repeat the prediction from the platform that he will be elected by 20,000. Charles F. Murphy reiterates his declaration that Hearst will have 100,000 plurality in the greater city. Murphy said to-day that Tammany Hall had received a card from Mr. Hearst for campaign expenses, and that no such contribution would be accepted if offered. This indicates that the Independence League managers are handling the Hearst fund.

### Thomson Fears Vote-buying.

Max F. Thomson says Hearst will have a plurality of at least 150,000 if the election is honestly conducted up the State. He declares the Republicans have a huge campaign fund, and have planned to use it in corrupting voters.

At this Chairman Woodruff and the other high lights of the State and county committee merely laughed. They declare that under the new law forbidding corporations to contribute there is no way in which to raise a big campaign fund. They have declared right along that they haven't got enough for the legitimate expenses, to say nothing about vote buying.

It is known, however, that the Republicans have quite a tidy bit of money, probably one-half as much as they used to raise in a gubernatorial campaign. The odds in the betting market are still 4 to 1 in favor of Hughes with little chance of a change on Monday.

### Chairman Woodruff, of the Republican State committee.

Refuses to-day to give detailed figures of the vote made up State. He did repeat, however, the statement that Hughes would be elected by a plurality sufficiently large to make any cry of "fraud" on the part of Hearst sound ridiculous.

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## COMPLIMENTARY BARGAINS

TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF

## Hudson's New Variety Store

Our entire store is not completed, but we have opened our F street store, and to induce you to visit it and get acquainted with our F street location, we have arranged many unusual bargain inducements for Monday. We shall be pleased to welcome you at our handsome new place of business.

14-pint Seamless Dish Pans; regular value, 35c. Monday... 19c  
20-pint Seamless Dish Pans; regular value, 35c. Monday... 27c  
4-pint Drip Coffee Pots; regular value, 45c. Monday... 35c  
3-pint Seamless Rice Boilers; regular value, 45c. Monday... 30c  
8-pint Lipped Cooking Kettles; regular value, 25c. Monday... 19c

### China Ware.

16-piece Decorated Porcelain Toilet Set; regular value, \$2.50. For Monday... \$1.69  
One set to each customer only.

### Galvanized Ware.

25 sets Hand-decorated, new shapes. Toilet Sets; regular value, \$2.50. For Monday... \$2.95

### Guaranteed Alarm Clocks

With steel works and well nickel-plated; regular value, 95c. For Monday... 49c

### The genuine highest grade Welsbach Burner, with mantle and shade;

regular value, \$1.00. Monday... 75c

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23-pint Bread Raisers; regular value, \$1.35. Monday... 79c

### 8-pint Berlin Seamless Saucepans, with cover. Monday...

16-pint Berlin Saucepans, with cover; regular value, 35c. Monday... 29c

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